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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION / AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 18, 2006, the Applicants submit the following:

Amendments to the **Drawings** are not being made by this paper.

Amendments to the **Specification** are not being made by this paper.

Amendments to the **Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.